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THE FARMERS AND RAILWAY SUBSIDIES

PROTEST AGAINST ANY GOVERNMENT AID

Claim Line Through Wheat Country Would Be Paying Enterprise—Delegates at Ottawa.

(Special to The Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—The Farmers' Association, on its own behalf, to-day presented the views of the farmers generally to the Premier and the other members of the crown, as being against the granting of assistance in any form whatever by the Dominion government, either to the Pacific extension of the Grand Trunk or any other railway. The association believes that sufficient has been done in this direction already by the Dominion. The time had now come to call a halt. Public assistance was no longer necessary to this end. Railway building was no longer speculation; it was an ordinary business enterprise. Manitoba last year produced fifty million bushels of wheat, the whole Northwest next year will produce one hundred million bushels. Something like thirty thousand American settlers have gone into the Northwest the last year. Three times that number are expected during the coming season. A railway through that country should therefore be a paying enterprise, and there is no justification for the granting of subsidies as in years past. "Not another dollar of public money for private interests," voices the Farmers' Association, and it believes it voices the sentiment of the farming population of Canada.

Deputations.

A deputation representing the binder twine industry is here asking for protection. The Farmers' Association asked Sir William Mulock for a free rail mail delivery. The postmaster-general said he sympathized with the request. Representatives of the Farmers' Association, the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, Dominion Grange, the Toronto Board of Trade and the Dominion Live Stock Association waited on the government and asked for a railway commission bill this session. They asked that there be five commissioners instead of three, and that there be only an appeal to one court, and that it be only on questions of law. The government promised consideration.

WOOD INSTEAD OF STEEL

Millions of Feet Wanted For Tunnel by Niagara Falls Power Co. at Buffalo.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Feb. 11.—The Niagara Falls Power Co. has made a bid for 3,000,000 feet of red wood timber to be delivered at Buffalo, N. Y., next July. The offer has been accepted, and the deal probably will be closed within a few days. The red wood is to be used instead of steel for a great tunnel to be constructed this summer. The reason given for the preference of the California wood is that when water passes over it continuously there forms a surface of soapy and pasty nature which is proof against corrosion, whereas in the case of steel particles of sand and matter carried with great velocity from the Niagara river cuts into and destroys the steel in an incredibly short space of time.

CLAIMS ON SALVADOR

Government Must Pay \$600,000 to Oak-land Capitalists Next Month.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Feb. 11.—The Salvador Commercial Co., composed of a number of capitalists of Oakland, Cal., has a claim for \$600,000 against the government of Salvador, and the money will fall due next month, about the time the Pacific squadron under Admiral Glass will arrive in the vicinity of the Central American republic. The company was organized in 1896. Docks were constructed and a thriving business was being transacted when the property was confiscated by the government. The matter was directed to the attention of Secretary of State Hay, who appointed a commission to investigate. The commission awarded the Americans \$600,000.

RUSH ORDERS

Additional Machinists Employed at Brooklyn Navy Yard to Complete Work on Warships.

New York, Feb. 11.—Haste in the work of repairing the ships in Brooklyn navy yard is the order of the day. Repaired commands have been received from Washington, directing that no delay be permitted and that all ships be put in commission as rapidly as possible. To obey these orders it has become necessary to employ about 200 additional machinists. No definite information as to the reason for hurrying the repairs is in possession of the officers of the yard, but they are pushing all work.

EDNA LYALL DEAD.

London, Feb. 9.—Edna Lyall, the novelist, is dead at Eastbourne, of pneumonia, following an attack of influenza.

Edna Lyall (Mrs. Ellen Bayley) was born at Brighton, England. Her works have had a large sale, and include "Donovan," "We Two" and "A Hardy Noggin."

UNHAPPY HOMELESS.

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FAVORS CLAIMANTS.

French Doctor Says Charles Fair Died Before His Wife—The Fight For Estate.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 11.—A most important point has, according to the American Paris correspondent, been scored for Mrs. Hannah Nelson, of New York, and the other claimants to the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Fair, by the filing of an affidavit before the United States consul here by Dr. Perrique, the physician who examined the bodies of Charles Fair after the fatal automobile accident. Charles Fair died before his wife. This affidavit is at variance with the doctor's former statement that both the Fair were killed instantly and simultaneously, but the doctor now claims that his affidavit is backed up by medical evidence beyond dispute, and it is declared that his first affidavit was made upon the impulse of the moment and without regard to the greatness of the interests at stake. In all there are eleven witnesses where evidence will be material use to the contestants for the Fair millions, and the lawyers here say that the proof is incontestable. Several of those witnesses will be sent to New York, and the depositions of the others will be sent, properly attested to the lawyers in that city.

PROTOCOLS HAVE NOT YET BEEN SIGNED

Powers Waiting Until the Terms Are Satisfactory—Venezuela Demands Return of Gunboat.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 11.—Minister Bowen's formal acceptance of the British protocol is not believed here to be likely to hasten to any extent the settlement of the Venezuelan negotiations. The Associated Press informed that the ambassadors of the allies have been strictly enjoined not to sign any of the protocols until the powers are satisfied with the terms, when the signatures will be simultaneous.

When the question of the separate treatment of the allies is brought before The Hague court of arbitration the triple alliance will appear as one power, their interest being regarded as identical. Demand Return of Ship.

New York, Feb. 11.—Señor Meyeston, the Venezuelan consul, has presented to the Dutch government officials a demand for the immediate seizure of the gunboat Restaurador, now flying the German flag, and the return of the vessel to Venezuela, says the correspondent of the Herald at Williamsburg, Curacao. The consul contends as the captured ship belonged to the Venezuelan navy she could not enter Dutch waters, under international law. He also has protested against Germany using Curacao as a base of supplies, and as a coaling station. Venezuelan officials assert that neutral rights appear to be only for strong powers, and that international law is a farce when feebler nations are involved.

FIVE LIVES LOST.

Cardiff Steamer Sunk After Collision—The Stranded Madian.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 10.—The steamer Watchful, of Liverpool, to-day sank the steamer Arthur, of Cardiff, in a collision off Barry. Most of the crew of the Arthur were asleep at the time but eight were saved. Five others were lost. It is thought they were killed in their bunks.

CARING FOR Passengers.

New York, Feb. 11.—No definite plan has been considered by the Quebec Steamship Company for the excursionists who were on board the wrecked steamer Madian. The passengers are all at Hamilton, where the company's agents have been notified to see that they receive every attention. Any who care to continue the original cruise, except so far as it includes all ports in Porto Rico and Cuba, can do so.

ANOTHER GOOD PERFORMANCE.

Miss Tresscott and Company Closed Their Engagement Last Night.

The company headed by Virginia Drew Tresscott brought their engagement at the Victoria theatre to a close last night, and the audience was again present. It is to be regretted that the larger audiences did not witness the presentation of the play, which certainly was one of the most interesting ever seen here for some time, and certainly deserved a longer run. Perhaps the gloomy advance notices, which Victorians are wary of accepting, are responsible for this small attendance on the opening night. The first performance did not doubt as to the strength of the play and excellence of the company were removed, so that to indifference alone the company need not have been greeted by the performers on their second appearance. But while this was the case, the audience was none the less appreciative, and curtain calls were numerous, and the closing of the fourth act the applause was loud and long.

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LIMITING DELEGATES.

The Cities of Victoria and Vancouver May Only Send Twenty Representatives to Mining Convention.

At a meeting of the provincial executive committee of the Provincial Mining Association last evening it was decided to limit the number of delegates from Victoria and Vancouver to the convention to be held on the 25th. The limit arrived at from each of these cities was fixed at 20. This is done in order to remove any suspicion upon the part of any other districts in the province that any attempt was to be made by these cities to dominate the meeting.

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IMPORTANT ARREST BY RAILWAY DETECTIVES

Prisoner Accused of Robbing C. P. R. Cars—Engineer Killed by a Passenger Train.

(Associated Press.)

Winnipeg, Feb. 11.—"Throw up your hands there; you are under arrest," was the calm remark made by Inspector McDonald, of the C. P. R. secret service department, to a man in Dunn's barber shop on Portage avenue last night. The man was instantly cowed. He held some tobacco in his hand which he was endeavoring to dispose of to the proprietor, but he dropped this and threw up his hands. Inspector Hussey, who was with Inspector McDonald, at once surrounded the man, and he was taken to the police station. The prisoner is believed to be George Jewett, an escaped American convict, and one of the most desperate characters of the continent, who has been heard to say that he would never be taken alive. During the past few weeks hundreds of dollars worth of goods have been stolen from C. P. R. cars, and special work was necessary to catch the thief, which was evidently accomplished, as the prisoner had in his possession two cases of McDonald's chewing and two boxes of smoking tobacco and a pall of lar, which had been stolen from C. P. R. cars.

Timber Cut.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—The crown lands department estimates that the cut of timber of Ontario for last year amounted to over seven million feet.

Verdict of Murder.

The coroner's jury last night brought in a verdict of murder against Isaac Walter Romaine for the death of his partner, Louis Goldsmith, colored.

Engineer Killed.

St. Thomas, Ont., Feb. 11.—Thomas McCarthy, a Michigan Central railway engineer, while oiling his engine at Cayuga, was struck by a passenger engine and instantly killed yesterday. He belonged to St. Thomas.

INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT.

A Delightful Programme Given By Pepe Storch and Herbert Ritchie Last Evening.

A large and fashionable audience assembled in Institute hall last evening to hear Herr Pepe Storch and Herbert Ritchie, associated in one of the most successful recitals that have been given in Victoria in recent years. From the opening Sonata of Griegel until the end of the programme, both artists held the audience spellbound with their magnificence of playing, and were the recipients of普遍的 applause.

As a virtuoso, Herr Storch ranks high in the musical world, and is one of the most honored graduates of the Brussels conservatoire, and no exception was the recognition accorded to his talents that a special gold medal was made for him. His dexterity is little short of marvellous, and he added to this the possession of a poetic temperament which enchanting the listener, it is no small wonder that he has endeared himself in the hearts of Victorians. Mr. Ritchie has already appeared here in public on several occasions since his arrival from Europe, but last night he returned to the greatest advantage and charmed his audience with his artistic renderings. Possessed of a superb tone, a warmth of expression that is delightful and an entire absence of affectation, one could hardly be surprised at the enthusiasm elicited, and it is only to be hoped that Mr. Ritchie will receive sufficient encouragement from local amateurs to ensure his permanent residence in Victoria. The following programme had not thought it necessary to be settled before the present proceedings could be taken up. As soon as the sheriff had learned that the goods seized to Miss Rockwell, proprietress of the Orpheum under a bill of sale, and as the execution order made in the civil action is directed against Messrs. Harris and Tracy, they could not be legally seized. As soon as the sheriff made this discovery he removed his embargo from them.

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It is to be remembered that Johnson was charged with theft in secretly removing goods which had been seized by the sheriff in a civil suit, and the case has excited more or less interest by reason of its being the first of its kind under the provisions of the code.

Mr. Gorman said that he expected word from the Attorney-General at any moment. "Then," said Waters, "I wish you would let me speak with Chief Carpenter until you leave. I don't want to go down to the gaol if I can help it, and if word comes I am ready to leave immediately with Mr. Gorman."

Neither Mr. Gorman nor the judge had any objection to this, and so Waters was allowed to read away the time waiting for news from Washington.

Major Johnson this afternoon received complete details as to the alleged crime for which Waters is wanted.

He was the disbursing officer of the Bureau of Coast Guard and Transportation at Manila.

When he disappeared from Manila and examination of his accounts was made, it is said that they showed a shortage of \$8,000.

Waters went from New York to Manila in April, 1901.

As will be seen by the above Waters was perfectly willing to have the matter cleared up. His attitude throughout is so inconsistent with the very thrilling story of "kidnapping," the second chapter of which appears in the morning's paper to-day, that it seems the two officers in charge of him found in a creditors reporter an easy victim to fill. From the time of his arrest in Montreal until he left the city the prisoner evinced no desire to fight extradition, on the contrary he stated in Montreal that he wanted the matter settled. He could have snapped his fingers in the faces of his captors immediately on stepping on British soil. It is certainly incredible that those officers would be foolish enough to risk losing their man by shanghaiing him on a British vessel plying between two British ports. If they really attempted to do so their official lives would be snuffed out from Washington.

A well known police officer of this city in conversation with a Times representative to-day said: "Oh it's probably a hot air story told by the officers for their own glorification. Why such an action would be the height of folly. If they wanted to kidnap their prisoner they could easily have done so from Seattle, and it could have been effected with little difficulty. In this venture they would be likely to run up against all sorts of trouble, and possibly lose Waters altogether."

The announcement made by Mr. Sutton last evening was enthusiastically received by those present at the meeting. There was plainly manifested a hearty sympathy with the objects which were to be attained by such an institution.



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TRAGEDIES IN EASTERN CANADA

MAN MURDERED BY PARTNER IN TORONTO

A Girl Charged With Manslaughter— Brakeman Crushed to Death—Free School Books in Manitoba.

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**Bed
Fast.**

Read the two sides of this story and then give a verdict on the evidence as to the merits of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

WHAT MRS. HAYTER SUFFERED.
"I had been ill for more than a month with kidney trouble," writes Mrs. Lucy Hayter, of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Texas. "After several doctors treated me, but none did me any good. One day I went to see Dr. Bright, who told me that I had Bright's Disease. I suffered nearly death at times; had spells the doctors called 'stomach cramps.' My mother begged me to try Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery."

WHAT DR. PIERCE SAID.
"With but little hope I wrote to Dr. Pierce, and he said 'he could cure me.' I began to take his 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and although I had to go to the doctor twice to get it, at the start, and at the time I had taken twenty-two bottles I was entirely cured. I weigh more than ever before in my life, and am stronger than ever off."

By the prompt action of Engineer Wilson, who had the Madiana's bulkheads broken through, the masts and passengers' light baggage were taken out and brought in the last boats to the Gladysen, from which landed the passengers, crew, masts and baggage here this afternoon. The weather moderated somewhat during the morning.

The estate of Norman Kittson, valued at over \$8,000,000, has just been closed in the Probate court at St. Paul, Minn., after litigation of nearly 15 years' duration. Commodore Kittson was an associate of J. J. Hill in early enterprises for the development of the Northwest, and was one of the well known characters of the West.

Hemorrhage Caused Death.

Examinations into the Oakville Bank failure case have been completed, but nothing has been found to benefit the depositors. P. C. Clarkson said the depositors would not get a cent of it.

The Bank Failure.

Mount Forest, Feb. 10.—The coroner's inquest into the death of Mr. Eccles' little daughter in an engagement at Christmas, owing to there being suspicion that death was due to poisoning from eating candies, was brought to an end on Saturday, when the jury brought in a ver-

LADY LIBERTINE'S LECTURE.

Enlightened the Women of Canada—Canadian Members of Imperial Commissions to Be Entertained.

Montreal, Feb. 10.—The Star's London cable says: "The Countess of Aberdon delivered an address this afternoon to the Colonial Society of Arts on the women in Canada. Rt. Hon. Leonard Courtney presiding. The Countess enlightened Canadian mothers, and said all Canadian women were alike, all marked by the stamp of efficiency. She instanced the success of the National Council of Women of Canada, and concluded by saying that the daughters of Canada are worthy of that land of sunshine and promise, and that women seeking new homes can find no better country, nor one where they can have fuller scope for the exercise of all their abilities."

Lord Strathcona's activities continue. It is announced that he is to preside at a dinner of the Colonial Club on Wednesday, February 25th, in honor of Canadian members of the Imperial Parliament, namely, Sir Gilbert Parker, Lieut.-General John Winburn Laurie, Charles Day Rose, George Mackenzie Brown, Edward Blake and Andrew Bonar Law."

A WOMAN'S CRIME.

Shot Her Husband and Burned Body After Chopping It to Pieces.

Monticello, N. Y., Feb. 10.—The hearing in the Taylor murder case was begun to-day in the Monticello court house. Mrs. Kate Taylor is charged with having murdered her husband, Lafayette Taylor, at their farm house, near Centerville station, Sullivan county, on the night of January 27th. The crime was discovered through a remark of Mrs. Taylor's, that she had put her husband out of the way. A 14-year-old daughter, Ida May Dekay, by Mrs. Taylor's first husband, was the only witness of the crime. She was arrested and brought to Monticello to-day.

District Attorney F. S. Anderson, conducted the inquiry. The daughter testified that her step-father came home drunk and that she relapsed, while her mother were quarrelling. A short time after she heard a shot, and running into the kitchen, saw Taylor lying on the floor, and saw her mother shoot him again. Mrs. Taylor then seized an axe and cut off Taylor's head, and right arm, both of which she placed in the stove.

The remainder of the body was cut in four pieces and put in a sack in the pantry, and during the two succeeding days parts of the body were burned until all was consumed. The clothing was placed in a wash-tub and later burned. The tub, which had become stained from the clothes, was scraped and burned on the inside with kerosene to remove the stains, and placed on the wall, which had been stained when the body was being chopped. The wall was re-papered. The axe handle was afterwards burned. The hearing was adjourned until Wednesday, when Mrs. Taylor will be examined.

Increasing Capital.

Sherbrooke, Que., Feb. 10.—The shareholders of the Eastern Townships Bank to-day voted to increase the bank's capital from two to three millions.

Charged With Manslaughter.

Montreal, Feb. 10.—Cecilia Charlesbois, a 20-year-old girl of St. Lazare, Vaudreuil county, has been arrested charged with manslaughter.

It is charged that the girl fed six red peppers to a 6-year-old boy, who died.

Must Not Officiate.

The diocesan synod opened here today. A feature of the Archbishop's change was his forbidding the clergy of the diocese to marry a divorced person during the lifetime of the other.

Cotton.

The annual meeting of the Montreal Cotton Company was held here to-day. Profits for the past year were announced as amounting to \$200,000. R. H. Stevenson announced that if the government extended the protection required, the Canadian cotton industry would require 3,000 more people than at present. The old board was re-elected.

Strike.

Snow shovellers in the Grand Trunk yard at Point St. Charles struck this morning for the same wages as are paid by the city. It is expected that this will easily be obtained. The success of the street railway employees will lead to serious trouble in Montreal, and strikes of more or less importance will be almost a daily affair.

ALL ABOARD SAVED.

Passengers on Steamer Madiana Were Landed in Lifeboats.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Feb. 10.—The Quidley Steamship Company steamer Madiana, Captain Fraser, with excursionists aboard, which went ashore on the reefs off this island, is a total loss, but all on board were rescued and brought safely to land, after a perilous trip in life boats from the week to a tug boat, the remainder of the crew and the passengers' baggage were also saved.

According to statements made by those on board, the Madiana was threading her way in the night through the narrow channel between the coral reefs which lead to Hamilton harbor, when she struck a reef one and a half miles northeast of North Rock. All the passengers were in their berths when the Madiana struck the rocks, but the shock of the impact awakened them, and they rushed on deck, the majority of them without attempting to dress. Considerable alarm, though not a panic, prevailed among the passengers when they found that the vessel was hard on the rocks, but the officers went among them and calmed them, although a number did not venture below again to seek other clothing. A part of the crew did not share the coolness of the officers, but the latter soon restored order among the troublesome seamen.

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A board of special enquiry in connection with the United States immigration department will be established here soon to facilitate transportation of settlers going to the States via Canada. Representatives are now here arranging for an office.

Crushed to Death.

Grace Bay, N. S., Feb. 10.—Eddie McInnis, brakeman on the Sydney & Louisburg railway, while running in front of a coal train to turn a switch, fell across the track and the engine passed over his body, crushing him to death.

Toronto Murder.

United States Senator Blackburn has introduced an amendment to the sundry civil appropriations bill making appropriation of \$200,000 "in full satisfaction of all claims or pretended claims," of ex-Queen Liliuokalani, of Hawaii.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.
Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria
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Victoria, Feb. 11.—5 a. m.—The pressure is high over the Pacific slope, the centre of the area being over British Columbia and Washington. Rain is falling in California, and heavy snowfall has occurred at Roseburg, Oregon; elsewhere the weather is fair, though cloudy in the immediate Coast. Temperature are lower in the province and the adjoining states. In the Northwest light snowfall has occurred in the Territories, and the weather is chiefly fair and moderately cold.

Forecasts.

For 26 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday, Victoria and vicinity—Moderately northerly winds, generally fair and cold.

Lower Mainland—Light or moderate winds, fair and cold.

Report.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 31; minimum, 30; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.34; temperature, 31; minimum, 26; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 29; minimum, 18; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, clear.

Hopeville—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 44; minimum, 0; wind, calm; snow, trace; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, 48; minimum, 46; wind, 4 miles N.E.; weather, cloudy.

PASSENGERS.

One steamer, *Charmer*, from Vancouver; A. Adams, Mr. McLean, Mr. Duncanson, his wife, A. Robinson, W. Dickson, A. D. Trotter, F. A. Preston, Mrs. H. C. Janton, Chas. Stevenson and wife, E. W. Maclean, H. K. Emerson, Frank, Mrs. Frank, Mrs. W. White, G. W. Kerr, J. H. Craig, W. B. Curtis, J. G. Gordon, Mrs. Thompson, G. Sheldon-Williams, Chas. Thompson, H. Sidal, J. H. Middlebrook, T. Petersen, A. D. Smith, Mrs. Smith, J. A. Stephenson, Miss Belensin, J. D. Pemberton, F. Paton.

Per steamer *Majestic* from the Sound—J. Knight, Dr. Williamson, Mr. Henderson, G. Campbell, W. Vernon, J. W. Hendrie, J. S. Showay, J. W. Benson, D. G. Jones, J. McQuire, J. A. Curry, Thos. Lewis, Mrs. Lewis, George Chapman, W. McDavid, O. Johnson, A. D. Sturz, Mrs. Sturz, J. A. Thompson, his wife, W. H. Marcon, C. Holman and wife, J. C. Donald, Mrs. Colon, Mrs. Deacon, F. B. Martin, Mrs. A. G. Crate, Mrs. Brewster, J. R. Calder.

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Ida—"Like a fish in water."

Mabel—"How was that?"

Ida—"Hard to land."

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were formed in Tertiary period, much later.

Following the volcanic period, Vancouver Island was formed by debris, which first constituted an archipelago. Then came the coal forming forests and the subsidence along the east coast; then the formation of sandstone, for a depth of about 5,000 feet. Above it. About the close of the Tertiary period an eruption took place and volcanic matter was poured out. To this was due the disclosing of the coal measures of the east coast. The volcanic activity was more noticeable in the north end of the Island. Near Cumberland a flow of volcanic material had taken place, and it was due to this flowing over the bituminous coal there that the anthracite coal, which had lately been found, was due.

It was at the close of the Tertiary period that the Glacial era began. One great glacier, starting from Bute Inlet, passed down the course of the Strait of Georgia and around the south of the present Island by Victoria. Another beginning at Knight Inlet passed north around by Queen Charlotte Sound. Much glacial deposits had resulted. This was noticeable in the deposits of a miner's and lumberman's standpoint.

In conclusion he outlined the course which he believed a railway should take which sought to reach the north end of the Island. Incidentally the speaker related several of the experiences he had had in exploring parts of the Island which he said went to show the great hardships which the pioneers endured. On many of these occasions he was in the company of W. Robertson.

Dr. Milne presided. He spoke of the importance of the railway as a means of opening up the resources of the Island. He referred to the economic distribution of the coal measures of the Dominion on both the east and west coasts—in Nova Scotia and on Vancouver Island. The means of supplying the commerce carriers of the oceans were thus placed right at hand. The railway to the north end of the Island might at any time prove of Imperial importance.

C. H. Lugin explained what was being done by the committee having the matter of a railway in hand. Considerable progress was being made in gathering information. They had asked the city council for a grant of \$250 to pay a secretary. This had been granted, and would aid in the work. He thought that there were no personal, political nor other interests to be considered in this, but it was important that the line should be placed in the right place. The government should not make any grant before ascertaining by a full survey the cost of the line.

The greatest deposit was copper, however. He looked forward to it being the richest mineral wealth of the Island. At Mt. Sicker the Lenora and Texe were located. He outlined the formation in which the copper was found there. He had found back of Ladysmith schists resembling in every way those of the Texe. He had opened a trail to these. Texe Island gave copper. Important deposits of both copper and iron were found at San Juan river, at the Sevita river and on Sechart peninsula. Cinnabar also was found on Sechart Island, the only place he knew of on Vancouver Island. At Elk Lake copper was found. Up Deer and Bear creeks and at Sidney.

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We housewives know better than to use hot water on mended china and common sense tells me that coffee or tea should never be used by those who have undergone operations for stomach trouble or appendicitis, etc. In fact if it were not for the stomach troubles set up by coffee I believe these operations would not be necessary in 9 cases out of 10," says a lady of Peoria, Ill. "My husband has been changed from a confirmed dyspeptic to an average health eater by the use of Postum in place of coffee. If I find it much richer and clearer by making over, always adding a little more fresh Postum and then proceed as if fresh. My husband never liked it fresh as well as the second or third make over. Our physician who recommended Postum to us was a confirmed coffee drinker but found that one cup of Postum satisfied him and improved his digestion immediately. Another physician acquaintance had a similar experience. He started to write you about my husband's condition. He had four operations for stomach trouble. I feel certain that had he used Postum in place of tea and coffee for years preceding this the operations would never have been necessary.

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Most promising copper deposits were met with in the north end of the Island where were also the deposits of this mineral. Most of the minerals will be found in the interior along the backbone of the Island where the oldest rocks exist. The rank thalassoliths interfered with the discovery of these.

He had one of the largest private mineral collections in North America, and was reserving it for donation to a mining college to be opened in the city of Victoria. He hoped such would soon be opened here, one which would devote its attention to educating mining engineers.

Wherever there was a chance for a tree to grow in Vancouver Island the country was timbered. The fir grew to an elevation of about 2,000 feet. The best timber land would run about 50,000 feet to the acre. The largest tract was east of Crown Mountain. On Robertson River, near Cowichan Lake, there were several thousands of acres which would run 300,000 feet to the acre. Back of the Beaufort range there were thousands of acres of timber untouched which would go 50,000 feet to the acre. On the West Coast they had cedar instead of fir. He instance a cedar tree measuring 45 feet in circumference in the region of Kennedy Lake. The cedar and spruce area was in the northern part of the Island.

Coming to the question of a route for a railway to the northern part of the Island, he gave his opinion as to what was the most suitable route. Starting from Wellington he followed along the east coast east of the Beaufort range. In doing so he was outlining the cheapest route he said. This would go by way of Cumberland, continuing still farther north, it would swing west near Campbell River. Running south of Crown Mountain, then following the valley of a river emptying into Upper Campbell lake, it would cross Gold River, thence up to Muchalat lake. Still going north it would follow the valley of the Kianach River to Kartsun Lake and thence to the coast.

The most expensive part of this would be along the Kartsun lake. Branches could be run to various points to open up the remaining parts. A branch might run through the Cowichan valley to Alberni. Another could be put through from Wellington to Alberni. From Comox to Alberni an easy route was open. From the main line to Muchalat Arm, by way of the valley of Gold River, a branch could be built. From Kartsun Lake to the West Coast another branch might be put through. Throughout the north end of the Island lines might be constructed in any direction, as it was an easy district to build through.

In answer to Dr. Milne's question, Mr. Sutton said this line would be about 230 miles from Wellington to Hardy Bay.

Dr. Milne congratulated the speaker and thought a series of such lectures would do good.

D. W. Higgins eulogized the address given. He paid a compliment to the agreeable disposition of Mr. Sutton in the woods, where he had met him in earlier days. He said Vancouver Island was a surprise to him. It was much richer than he had ever expected it would be found to be. He was sorry that private corporations controlled nearly all the coal and timber measures. This phase of it would be a live question before long. They would soon have to suggest some means for the building of the road. In anticipation of that he wished to point to what Hon. Mr. Blair had said at the time of his visit to this city in 1896.

Quoting from the report of his speech, Mr. Higgins read the following: "Whether the railway (Crown's Nest Pass) is built by one company or another, we believe the government should not relinquish the power to regulate the rates. (Applause.) Another matter involved in the production of the great bodies of ore was cheap fuel for the smelters. How could this cheap fuel be guaranteed unless the freest opportunity was afforded for competition among the producers of fuel. In the event of the government of Canada taking up this matter we believe it should also consider the question of securing the coal area of the Crown's Nest Pass. If the Dominion government is asked for aid, it will undoubtedly consider the advisability of annexing such conditions that the future of the province and the interests of the people will be safeguarded. These are matters which should be kept out of the hands of monopolists that should be thrown open to competition."

Continuing, Mr. Higgins pointed out how the Dominion parliament had carried this out. He said in the preceding session "an act to authorize a subsidy for a railway through the Crown's Nest Pass" was introduced by Mr. Blair and passed. A money subsidy of \$3,630,000 was given the C. P. R. Company, but it was stipulated that the company should surrender to the Dominion government 50,000 acres of the coal lands which had been acquired from the British Columbia government for the purpose of insuring a suitable supply of coal to the public at reasonable prices, not exceeding \$2 per ton free on board the cars at the mines. The company were also required to reduce the rates from all points East of the West of Fort William 33.1-3 per cent. on fruits, on agricultural implements, household furniture, coal oil and many other articles in daily use from 10 to 20 per cent. So important were these reductions that the first year of the operation of the new rates the settlers in the Northwest benefited to the extent of \$500,000, and of course as a population grows so will the financial benefits inferred by Mr. Blair's Act increase. And there was no exemption from taxation anywhere in the act.

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He moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Sutton, which was seconded by His Worship the Mayor and unanimously carried.

Mr. Sutton, in replying, said he was opposed to theoretical fads. This coun-

try could not stand the government ownership of railways. It was out of the question. Any one who brought it forward had a political bias.

Government ownership was one which could only be done by the Dominion government. The province could not.

John Jardine believed that government ownership of railways was the method of obtaining the heritage which Mr. Scott had described as being open to the people on the Island.

If a railway corporation could obtain \$13,000 to \$14,000 a mile of subsidies from the province and the Dominion government, and thus get a land grant, could not the government adopt the method. It was the proper course to pursue.

W. Robertson did not want to make a socialist speech like his predecessor. He wanted these men to show how they would build it. He said that he had opposed the grant of land to the E. & N. railway, and had written letters opposing it, which Mr. Higgins had refused to publish in his paper.

Mr. Higgins at once took up the gauntlet thrown down, and an amusing dialogue ensued.

Mr. Higgins—I cannot remember much about the matter; but I think—yes, I am sure you favored the Island railway grant. (Laughter.)

Mr. Robertson—I did not. I opposed it. You garbled my first letter. When the part of the letter which stated that the coal south of Nanaimo above would yield \$240,000 at 5 cents a ton was reached you refused to publish it.

Mr. Higgins—Why did you not correct it at the time?

Mr. Robertson—You wouldn't publish my letters, and they were destroyed.

Mr. Higgins—This is entirely untrue.

Can you find these letters?

Mr. Robertson—Yes, I can.

Mr. Higgins—You just now said they

were destroyed; now you say you can find them. (Laughter.) The garbled letter must be on file. Produce it.

Mr. Robertson—I'll do so. You said you lost one letter and that you couldn't find it.

Mr. Higgins—Nothing of the kind ever occurred, I am sure.

Mr. Robertson, continuing, said how are you going to build the railway? How could the British Columbia government build it when they had all the burdens they could bear? The Dominion government would not build it. They could get money only from capitalists. Before they got it built they had to give another portion of this Island. In doing so they should retain the minerals, so that the miners might get it upon the same conditions as elsewhere. The farming lands should be open to purchase by farmers at the same rates as government lands were.

P. C. MacGregor asked Mr. Sutton if as he stated that the richest part of the Island was in the interior, would it not be better to run the railway up the centre of the Island?

Mr. Sutton explained that the course he showed allowed of tributary lines being built, and was the cheapest route.

Asked whether it would be a financial success, Mr. Sutton said that was a question in economics for railway men to answer.

Mr. Sutton was also asked as to the agricultural lands which it would open up. In reply he said Vancouver Island was not an agricultural country. It was a timber country. An immense market in the Northwest was now open. The timber man must go in first and clear the land. Agriculturalists had gone in and destroyed by tree greater values in timber than they could ever hope to make off the land in their lives.

A speaker contending for government ownership held that they should follow the example of Ontario, which was building the Temiscamingue branch by commission. By government ownership they borrowed money to have an asset in return. Otherwise they borrowed that sum to give it away.

The meeting then closed.

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THE RAILWAY AGITATION.

Several meetings have been held for the discussion of the resources of Vancouver Island, and the necessity of securing the construction of a railway to enable the hidden wealth to be brought forth and utilised for the benefit of mankind. As yet we are unable to observe what has been gained by these meetings. In this neighborhood and in every other section the people are thoroughly convinced that Vancouver Island contains treasure greater by far than any other portion of North America of equal dimensions. Therefore it would appear to be useless for us to meet together at stated intervals and tell each other these things. It seems the agitation has been carried on intermittently for at least fifteen years. And we are no farther advanced now as far as the railway is concerned, or very little farther, than we were then. If we continue along these lines, our successors will be meeting in the city hall fifteen years hence, saying the same things and passing the same resolutions as we are to-day. And their neighbors will be smirking in their sleeves at them as they are at us now. If we really want to secure the construction of a railway to the north end of the Island, we should endeavor to transfer some of the faith we profess into the hearts and minds of capitalists who have the means to carry out the work. The Dominion government will certainly not undertake the task. If it were to propose such a thing it would be speedily confronted with such a storm of protests as would convince it that it has made a serious mistake. Public opinion in Canada has not yet been educated up to the point of sanctioning such an undertaking. The experience with the one government road in existence has been too unfortunate. It is true the province of Ontario is engaged in the construction of a colonization road, which it proposes to grant running privileges over to some of the chartered companies. But the Ontario government has two millions of dollars in the treasury and can afford to make experiments. Our provincial government is not in such an enviable position. It cannot build the Island road even if it were willing. The promoters of these meetings must have some object in view. What do they propose to do? Is it their intention to ask the Dominion and the provincial governments to grant bonuses to whoever may embark in such an enterprise?

The meeting held last night was favored with a most eloquent and convincing address. It was one of the ablest discourses ever delivered in Victoria. It left no doubts in the minds of anyone as to the nature of the reward in store for the company or the capitalist which or who has sufficient faith to build a railway to the north end of Vancouver Island and make its wealth of timber and mineral accessible to the world. There was scarcely an individual at the meeting but would under the persuasive influence of Mr. Sutton have been prepared to invest all he possessed in the undertaking. If the public will stop for a moment to consider it will probably

catch itself wondering why, under the circumstances, the building of the Island railway has been left so long.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

The date of the meeting of the Provincial Legislature is drawing near. The exact time is yet known to no man, not we presume even to the members of the government. These are anxious days, and we doubt very much whether the Ministers care to permit their minds to dwell upon the assembling of the legislators and the consequences that may follow their deliberations. But spring is at hand, and much though the Premier and his colleagues may desire to postpone the day of reckoning, it is decided that they shall meet the representatives of the people and bow their heads while judgment is being pronounced. Some of the members are so eager to let the people know where they stand that they cannot wait until the House meets. They have been elucidating their positions through the columns of the press. There has been so much speculation about the strength and weakness of the parties as a result of recent manoeuvres that the announcements are particularly interesting.

The recent pilgrimage of Mr. Gilmour to Victoria finds his success in his negotiations with the government evident. The Deadman's Island lease have created the impression that he will occupy a seat on the right of the Speaker when the members assemble for business. It had been assumed that because his leader had lost confidence in the government, it necessarily followed that Mr. Gilmour would cross over with him. The follower has deemed it necessary to make it clear that he is perfectly independent of all factions and influences in the House, and that henceforth he who forswore allegiance to no man or no party. He will act in the manner he considers most likely to advance the interests of Vancouver and the province. Thus Mr. Martin has been divorced from the final remnant of his party and occupies a position of spectacular isolation in the House. Here is Mr. Gilmour's position as announced by himself:

"I have not promised the government my support, nor have I promised the opposition. I supported the last government because it promised redistribution, and it did not expect me to support any legislation contrary to our principles. The present government, however, is not the same body that I supported, and until I am made acquainted with what the government intends to do, I cannot say what my action in the House will be. In all cases, I will act in what I consider the best interests of Vancouver and the province. As regards the reports that Mr. Joseph Martin and myself are at loggerheads, I can say that Mr. Martin and I are the best of friends politically and otherwise. We have not had a falling out, as reported."

In brief, Mr. Gilmour is on the fence, with distinct leanings towards the side of the government.

Mr. Martin is squarely and distinctly in opposition. In an interview with a reporter of a Vancouver paper he said:

"I am unqualifiedly opposed to the Prior government. I will vote against them and work against them. I am issuing an address to the West Yale electors giving my views regarding the present political situation in the province and expressing my opinion as to the attitude and strength of the Prior government in the present crisis. In this pamphlet I express my conviction that Premier Prior cannot possibly control more than 16 votes, and would not be able to induce a majority of those 16 to back him up in his promises to the West Yale electors."

"It stands to reason that if West Yale is promised handsome concessions that other electoral districts must have the same treatment, and whatever money grants are given to West Yale must also be given to other constituencies represented by members supporting the government, and if they did not get the same treatment they would not remain loyal to the government; while if they were given the same treatment the electors at large would have something to say regarding the reckless depletion of the treasury for political ends, that certain constituencies might be benefited at the expense of the whole province."

"This pamphlet is issued in the interests of Mr. Semlin, whom I certainly expect to be elected. I have canvassed the members of the House and am absolutely convinced in my own mind that the Prior government is doomed."

The member for Nelson has also been giving the government warning through the columns of his paper. It has generally been assumed that Mr. Houston would be found to have entered into an alliance with the Premier for defensive purposes. Judging from the following article there is no substantial foundation for that belief:

"The people of British Columbia want a government that can carry out a policy, and they want the privilege of deciding what that policy shall be. Premier Prior and his government may have a policy, but if they have the people have not had a chance to endorse it. An election next June will give them a chance to decide as to the policy they want, and to elect to office men able to carry it out. If Premier Prior could gain support in the House by changing his announced policy, the policy would be changed instantly, and the people know it. That is why the people have no confidence in the Prior government. Messrs. McInnes and Wells, two of the five members of his government, are Liberals, and both could do good work were they members of a government made up of their own party faith. Neither can do good work for the Prior government, because the one is handicapped by department officials who do their utmost to discredit him, and the other is hampered by being associated with men whose ideas of government are directly antagonistic to his. His mea-

ges, dark hair, is of medium complexion, has large ears, and is sparingly built. He has a small scar on his forehead and a short mustache, otherwise being clean shaven. He weighs about 147 pounds. He was wearing the prison clothes, with dark jeans and a blue serge shirt, both bearing the prison mark P. G. with the broad arrow.

Mr. C. D. Rose, the Canadian recently elected to the British House of Commons, says he intends to bring the Alaska boundary question before that august assembly. We hope he will prove as good as his word. It would be interesting to read the expressed opinions of the members of the government and the House in regard to the vexed question. As the Colonist truly says, it is time the relationship between Great Britain and the United States was reduced to a strictly business basis. There has been altogether too much gush about



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Hardress Clarke, 86 Douglas Street.

Minister Prentiss has no politics, and he wants time to show the country what he could do if only he had time. Attorney-General Elbert is credited with having ability, but it is of the kind that is badly frost-bitten. The Premier can make himself agreeable and can carry Victoria on his personality, but he is not big enough to run a government made up of two Liberals, a Mugwump, an Elbert, and a Conservative who forgets that he is a Conservative."

It occurs to us that the member for Nelson has been in the habit of talking and writing in such a strain as the above, but when it comes to a vote in the House, he was always found on the right side from a governmental point of view. Spectacularly the member has taken up the position of a dictator. Practically he has been one of the most servile supporters of the administration. It may be that Mr. Houston writes as president of the British Columbia Conservative Association, and legislates as a follower of any government that happens to be in power. But the dual role detracts from the influence of the writer and legislator.

The Vernon News, generally assumed to publish the opinions of Mr. Price Ellison, M. P. P., also seems to regard the government with misgivings. Whether the member for East Yale is also wavering in his allegiance must remain a secret until the House meets. As for Mr. Neil, he is not in the habit of speaking out except from his place in the Legislature. It would be a distinct loss to the assembly if he were to fall in with the designs of the government and don the robes of the Speaker. The member for Alberni is one of the most effective debaters in the House, one of the strong young public men of the country, a man who by reason of his keenness of perception and intellectual fitness is bound to occupy a prominent place in the public life of British Columbia. A surrender to the powers he has consistently opposed in the past would assuredly compromise his present and bright his future career. There is little doubt that Mr. Neil has been approached, but the story that he has surrendered must be accepted with reserve.

On the whole, it must be confessed there is enough uncertainty about the political situation to cause the average man who takes an interest in public affairs to look forward with more zest to the meeting of the Legislature than the government does.

The Toronto News advances the idea that the government of Canada should control the passes through the Rocky Mountains in the interests of the people. It reasons that "for the Far-West the mountain pass will become as important as the canal on our St. Lawrence system. The day is far distant, but in sight, and it behoves the government to look ahead." Our contemporary thinks the day will come when every railway through the mountains will be choked with a roaring stream of traffic. Perhaps the day is not so far away as it may seem. The increase of our trade with Asia within the last ten years has been very great. And the day of British Columbia is dawning.

The excitement was all over the escape of Wesley J. Hatch, a robber, from the provincial jail. Hatch, with other prisoners, had been engaged in breaking stone in the jail yard. While the guard was preparing some powder for blasting he scaled the jail wall, soon disappearing in the woods surrounding. With the heavy ball and chain on his leg he tramped through the thickness of the thicket, half an hour or two later crossed Tolmie avenue, passing several lots and jumping fences, rather than following paths which were open to the gaze of all the immediate locality. Just before entering the woods on the Tolmie estate one of those who pursued overtook the fugitive walking leisurely along. Being unarmed, however, he resorted to arguments to induce the culprit to return or give himself up, but this had no effect. The fugitive continued on his way during the progress of the interview, and passing into the woods disappeared from view. Whether he spent the night there is very problematical. Up till dark a close watch was kept on the borders of the woods, but Hatch still remained in hiding, realising that with the heavy weight on his leg he could make but poor headway, while without tools of some description he could not well rid himself of the fetter.

Up till 2 o'clock this afternoon he was still at liberty. Hatch was serving a six-months' sentence for stealing some money from George Rowbottom, and had spent one month of this time in jail. Previous to this he served a term there for stealing from the Lighthouse saloon. When searched at the police station part of the money taken was found in his shoe. He claims to have the best of family connection. He is about 26 years of age and is 5 feet 8 inches in height, with his shoes on. He has brown

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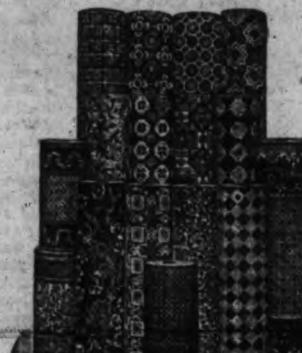
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City News in Brief.

The total clearings at the Victoria clearing house for the week ending February 10th amounted to \$614,800.

Application is to be made for a transfer of the license from A. H. Tyson and Wm. Harrison to Fred Carne, Jr., for the Manhattan saloon.

The inmates of the Aged Woman's Home have been cheered by a munificent donation of coal received from James Dumsmuir, he having sent six tons to that institution during the past week.

The full rehearsal in connection with the Victoria Musical Festival will be held at the city hall at 8 o'clock on Thursday, and will be preceded by a part practice for tenors and basses at 7.15.

The preliminary hearing of the charges against the two men accused of having attacked the bartender of the Globe hotel, Esquimalt, has been postponed until to-morrow forenoon at 10 o'clock.

A meeting of the Retail Grocers' Association will be held in Sir William Wallace hall this evening at 8 o'clock. All retail grocers are requested to attend, as business of importance will be discussed.

A public meeting is to be held in Nanaimo this evening to discuss the question of the formation of a branch of the Provincial Mining Association, and also to take up the subject of railway extension to the north end of the Island.

A meeting of the Veterans' Association was held last evening, when Ed. S. Sharpen, A. R. C. A., late lieutenant of No. 1 Co., 34th Battalion, read a paper on the Fenian Raid of 1866. There was a good attendance, and the remarks of Mr. Sharpen were listened to with great interest. It was decided that an effort should be made to increase the membership of the society and to collect the yearly dues. The chair was occupied by Major Wilson, the newly elected colonel commanding.

In the window of the Times office to-day may be seen a block of the bark which forms on the palm of the hand island in Asiatic waters. The bark was secured by one of the sealing vessels, and was given a member of the Times staff by Captain Grant, of the Victoria Sealine Company. The bark is brown, and quite an oddity. The piece of coral also exhibited in the window was picked up on the end of a codfish line in Behring Sea in thirty or forty fathoms of water. It is of a pink color.

The Royal Bank of Canada is holding its annual meeting of the shareholders at Halifax today. The annual report of the institution is a very gratifying one, showing a steady growth in the business transacted from year to year since its incorporation in 1899. The reserve has grown in that time from \$20,000 to \$2,500,000. In addition to business relating to the bank itself the annual report published contains other valuable information with respect to the Dominion of Canada.

The newly-formed Victoria Mandolin Club will give its first concert next Monday evening in the A. O. U. W. hall. The club is made up of 15 instrumentalists, who have been practicing very faithfully for the last few weeks, so those attending may look forward to having a musical treat. The club has been fortunate in securing some excellent entertainers to assist. Among them are Mrs. Manson, the Misses Deane, Miss G. Glover, elocutionist, and Messrs. J. G. Brown and J. Mullins. The proceeds of this concert are for a good cause, namely, to assist in building the new Congregational church.

Last evening's entertainment given at St. James's hall, James Bay, under the auspices of the Capital Athletic Association was a complete success. There was a large attendance, and a number of sailors and soldiers were present. The hall was prettily decorated with flags and bunting. G. A. Larrigan's piccolo solo and E. Fawcett's violin solo made the hits of the evening, and were enthusiastically encored. Lieut.-Col. Gregory acted as chairman, and during the evening gave a solo on the piano, which was much appreciated. The sailors also contributed to the programme, and their efforts were heartily applauded. Refreshments were served at the close.

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The regular monthly meeting of the school board will be held to-night, when among the business will be a resolution by Trustee Hugget.

Hardy Bay lots in the townsite, now selling at \$50, will be advanced to \$75 on the 15th instant. A. Williams & Co., Ltd., 104 Yates street.

Electrical Workers' Union, local No. 230, will hold a smoker in Labor hall to-morrow evening. All electrical workers in the city are invited to attend. The charter was closed yesterday, the membership roll showing a substantial increase.

The Victoria Liberal Association will meet this evening in Labor hall, Douglas street, at 8 o'clock. All friends of the Liberal party are invited to be present. Addresses will be delivered by Senator Templeman, Asbury Morrison, M. P., Geo. Riley, M. P., and others.

In order to push the work of construction on the Cloveland and Port Gammon branch of the Victoria Terminal railway, a force of six hundred men is now employed by the company. The work is going forward vigorously in order to finish it by the beginning of May.

The programme for the farewell concert to be given next Tuesday in the Institute hall to Masters J. H. Gordon and Frank Armstrong by the pupils of E. G. Wickens is now quite complete. Miss Mae Buckham has two very choice numbers, as also Signor Salvini. The instrumental soloists are quite up to date, also the orchestral numbers by over thirty instrumentalists and three pianos.

Members of the city council paid an official visit to the Victoria Chemical Works yesterday, where they inspected the plant to observe for themselves the nuisance complained of. One of the chambers of the plant had been closed down, but from what the visitors saw, and from the information supplied by the residents in that part of the city it is understood the city fathers gleaned sufficient light on which to form a conclusion on the justification for the complaints made.

To-morrow afternoon the Central W. G. T. U. will hold a grand reunion at the residence of Mrs. Capt. Grant, Point Ellice. Memorial day will be observed, for which a good programme has been prepared, including short sketches by the recent troubles in Colombia. The ship's commission expires in September next. She is coming north to refit, preparatory to leaving for home some time in June next. It is said that it is cheaper to send the vessel home than to re-commission her and send a crew overland and to bring a new one out here by the same route. The Flora, the new ship on the station, is at Coquihalla, and will remain on the southern station until the Amphion goes south in June. What is to be the Amphion's relief is not yet known.

SITUATION IN WEST YALE.
How Mr. Sanson's Candidature is Regarded in the Constituency.

A dispatch from Ashcroft to the Nelson News describes the political situation in West Yale as follows:

"The feeling throughout the district is not strong in favor of Mr. Sanson, and Semlin will be elected with ease, though his opponent is by no means the weak man at the Coast. Imagine there is not a strong party in the district, and the Flora, she is well known all along the C. P. R. line, he resides at Ashcroft, is one of the 'boys,' and he is credited with having an excellent record in his disposal. He is liberal, and his record stands in the comprehension of his friends. For years he has been opposed to Prentice, who has been opposed to Dr. Sanson, and he is supported by the government side of \$1,000 a year in aid of the resident physician at Clinton, where Sanson then resided. He has also for some time championed the interests of Mr. A. W. Smith in West Lillooet. If there were two men whom Sanson cordially hated and against whom he waged incessant warfare, it would be the Flora and the Semlin. The Flora is well known all along the C. P. 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Provincial News.

NELSON.
A wedding took place on Thursday evening at the residence of F. L. Irwin, of Carbonate street, the contracting parties being Fred. B. Hogg, steward on the steamer Kaslo, and Miss Viola Rorke, of Chicago. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. H. Graham, rector of St. Saviour's church.

GREENWOOD.

Dr. Wells, of the Columbia University School of Mines, New York, has purchased a power plant for use in prospecting the "Morning Star," in Fairview Camp, Okanagan. This property was recently bonded by outside parties from S. Mangott, of Fairview, and at the time the transaction was made public it was stated that it was intended to sink 300 feet on the claim. The plant now purchased consists of a 30-horse power vertical boiler, 6 by 8 beam hoist, No. 5 Cameron sinking pump of plunger pattern, ropes, buckets, cars, pipes and all necessary accompaniments. M. E. Purcell, a mining man well-known in the Rossland district, is in charge of the development work, which is now in progress at the mine.

VANCOUVER.

Alexander Robinson, superintendent of education, and E. B. Paul, principal of Victoria High school, arrived in the city on Saturday to attend a meeting of the executive of the Provincial Teachers' Association, to arrange details in connection with the Provincial Institute to be held in Revelstoke. It was decided to hold the institute in April, the dates fixed being Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 14th, 15th and 16th.

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CRANBROOK.

The Mountain Lumber Manufacturers' Association held its annual meeting at Cranbrook. George Rogers, of Lethbridge, and E. J. Waddle, of Regina, representing the Western Retail Lumber Dealers' Association, were present to confer with the association regarding the anticipated heavy demand for lumber on the prairie next season. It is quite evident from the statements presented, that the market next season will be a good one and the demand such that it will require all the energy of the sawmill companies of the Kootenays to meet it. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, A. Lettich; vice-president, J. W. Robinson; secretary-treasurer, W. F. Gurd; executive committee, F. C. Jones; Golden; J. C. Slater, Cranbrook; H. H. Bentley, Fernie, and M. B. King, Cranbrook.



BASEBALL.

NANAIMO CLUB ORGANIZE.
The Nanaimo Herald says: "A largely attended meeting of the Nanaimo Athletic Club was held in the Athletic Club rooms, Friday afternoon to witness the laying of the cornerstone for the new building, to be erected for the championship of British Columbia. The secretary and manager's reports were received and filed, and a very creditable balance was left in hand after the following list of specials had been presented:

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ATHLETICS.

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CHAPTER VIII.—Continued.

"Hush! You must not speak like that. I say that I do believe you would help me, but I cannot permit it. There are others concerned, and to reveal my secret to you would be to bring trouble, perhaps even worse, upon them."

"You do not trust me, then? You think I would betray you?" she answered, quickly.

"No, no, not that," she replied. "You are a gentleman, and would keep silence were it necessary."

"I would swear to you by any oath you please that, without your permission, no word of what you say to me shall pass my lips. Why, then, fear to confide in me? If I cannot help you in any other way, I may at least be able to advise you."

She rose from the seat and began to pace the sandy floor of the cave. At last she ceased.

"Mr. Troubridge," she said, "if I were to tell you that my secret might involve you in ruin, that it might mean the destruction of your home; the death of your sister, and your inevitable murder, would you be so anxious to hear it?"

"Yes," he answered, fearlessly. "Even were it possible for such things to happen, it would be my earnest wish to help you. Heaven knows I would not have anything happen to Dot if I could prevent it, but I am perfectly sure she would agree with me to risk that in order to help you."

Once more she walked up and down the cave. Then she continued:

"At the present moment, I doubt if there is another person who so badly stands in need of a helping hand as I do. You have come to me with your offer of assistance, and you will never know how strong the temptation is to me to avail myself of it. The load I am carrying is more than I can bear. Think, then, what it means to me when you come forward and offer to relieve me of some of it."

"I ask nothing more than to be allowed to share your trouble with you."

"Some day you may regret."

"Never! That would be impossible!"

"Then I will tell you."

He did not reply, but seemed himself on the bench beside her. For upwards of a minute the only sound to be heard was the babbling of the stream and the twittering of a bird in the bushes above the opening. Then Miss de Montalva began.

"When I spoke to you in the park the other day, I told you, as you may remember, that my father was a Spaniard and my mother an Englishwoman. My father was a man of great wealth; my mother also owned a considerable amount of property in this country. She died, when my brothers there were only two of us—was born. Had she lived, it is possible that affairs would never have gone so ill with us. After her death my father became morose and silent, neglected his friends of happier days, and was continually absent from home. My school, and it was not until three years ago that we saw our father again. It was then that I noticed a terrible change in him. He had once been a tall, handsome man; he was then but a wreck of his former self. As before, he was continually away from home, and when he came back to it he often brought with him strange men who seldom left the house during their stay, and even when they did it was only under cover of night. It was not long before I began to suspect that he was engaged in some revolutionary plot, and my suspicions were unfortunately confirmed. What was worse, I found out that my brother, who was then but a very young man, was being led by his teaching—for they were always together—into the same life. Now, my brother and I loved each other as few brothers and sisters do. He was only twenty-one, a frank, generous lad, who would have lived at peace with all the world, but for the teachings of those who should have been the last to instill such thoughts into his mind."

"Have you any idea of the nature of the plots in which they were engaged?" asked Jack.

She shook her head.

"I was never allowed to know anything about it," she replied. "But when a man, who only a few months before had been hiding in our house, was arrested by the police and sent to prison for conspiring against the government, my suspicions were confirmed, and I began to understand something of what was going on around me. From that day forward my life was one long terror. Day and night I was in agony lest Manuel, my brother, or my father, should be arrested. Whenever they left the house, I feared lest I should never see them again. Then my father was taken suddenly ill, and almost before we knew the case was so serious, he was dead. Making a desire for travel my excuse, I persuaded Manuel to give up the old home. He did so, and we set off for Italy. It was the first time I had visited it, and in that wonderful land I forgot, for the time being, my fears. It was not long, however, before they were renewed. We were in Rome at the time, and it was there that I first met Monsieur d'Alvaro. How my brother became acquainted with him I cannot say. He has always been very retentive on that point. It is certain, however, that they soon became very great friends, and, for that reason, I was left very much to myself. My love of painting at this period stood me in good stead, otherwise I do not know what I should have done. As it was, my time was, for the greater part, spent in the galleries, where, at least, I could find some distraction from my thoughts. You must bear in mind, Mr. Troubridge, that I understood that my brother had practically given up any association he might

TIMES DAILY FASHION HINTS



Shirt waist of panne velvet in a Persian design of pale green and blue. It is made with a plain back and straight cuffs, and the box-pleat at the front is very narrow.

It is worn with a flowing end stock of pale green taffeta.

have had with this secret society in Spain."

"But am I to understand that your brother was a member of a secret society?" Jack inquired.

"That is a question I cannot answer," she said. "He may have been, or he may not. I have never heard it said that he was, nor has he ever said anything in my presence that would lead me to suppose so. One thing, however, is very plain. That is, that d'Alvaro has a very strong influence over my brother."

"You do not like him?"

"I hate him," she answered, her eyes flashing; "only I dare not let him see it. But let me continue my story. As I have said, we were in Rome. One day Manuel was called away to Naples, from where he told me he gathered that he did not know when he should be back. At last, however, I received a telegram from him informing me that he proposed to return on the Thursday following. This was good news indeed, but I little dreamt of the misery that I shall be far away. Whether we shall ever meet again is more than I can say. Forgive me if of late I have been a poor companion, but I have had much to think of and to worry about. I beg of you to pay particular attention to what I am now about to say. Within a few hours of your receiving this letter, d'Alvaro will come to you. Do exactly as I wish; on your obedience to him may depend my life. Thank Heaven, you will not want for money. So long as for me, it would have been better had I never been born, for of all men upon this earth, the most miserable at this moment is the brother who loves you."

"MANUEL DE MONTALVA."

"A terrible letter for a sister to receive!" said Jack, sympathetically. "What construction did you place upon it?"

"At first I did not know what to think," she replied. "I was stunned by it. For the time being, I was almost beside myself with anxiety. I read his letter over and over again, and, every time that I did so, I derived a different impression from it. At first I thought that Manuel was contemplating suicide."

"Nothing, nothing," he answered, testily. "You must not attempt to pry into my affairs. I have things to think of which I cannot discuss with you."

"I was so hurt at this rebuff, coming at a time when I was so racked with anxiety on his account, that I left the room without another word and went sorrowfully to bed. His name was not mentioned, and for nearly half the night I heard him pacing up and down in it. My heart ached for him, but when he was in that state it was useless to argue with him. When I left my chamber in the morning he had gone out, and it was not until late that evening that he returned. When he did so his face was like that of a dying man. I implored him to consult a doctor, but he would not hear of such a thing."

"I want no doctor," he cried. "My malady is of the mind and not of the body. Take away my thoughts and I should be myself again."

"You will not tell me what your thoughts are, I said. 'It is cruel of you, Manuel, to treat me so. You know that I love you better than anyone else in the world, and yet, when you are in trouble, you will not let me comfort you. You are not in any danger, are you?' He gave me a look of surprise, and, when he spoke again, I could see that he was right."

"How should I be in danger?" he asked. "Rome is very well policed, I am given to understand."

"Too well policed for some people, I expect," I returned, with meaning. Then, careless of his anger, I asked him outright if he were a member of any secret society.

"You had better not put such questions," he replied. "The less you know about those matters the better, for both of us. I should have thought you would have learnt that lesson by this time. Please, never ask me such a thing again."

"But he did not deny it," said Jack.

"You must have been convinced in your

work he was engaged. To have gone to them might have aroused suspicion in the minds of the heads of the society, for I did not know but that he, or, for that matter I myself, were not being watched. There was no one else to whom I could apply. From his letter, it was easy for me to see that his danger was a great one. Nothing, however, will ever convince me that, if he were doing wrong, it was intentional."

"I can quite believe that," Jack replied, and he meant what he said.

"And yet before me always was the fact that he appeared to be ashamed of some part he was being compelled to play. What that part was, I, of course, had no notion. I had, however, a suspicion that was like the most terrible dream to me, by day and night. I can only wonder now that my brain has retained its equilibrium."

"And d'Alvaro?"

"He made his appearance as my brother told me he would do. When the servant announced him, he entered the room in his robes, and as well-dressed, as you have always seen him. He informed me that he had been commissioned by my brother to take care of me, and to look after my welfare until the latter should return. I asked him where my brother had gone, but he professed ignorance upon the subject. Whether he really knows or not, I cannot say, but no enquiry on my part could induce him to commit himself. Later he suggested that we should leave Rome for Paris, and, bearing in mind what Manuel had written me, I offered no opposition."

"And in due course you reached that city? May I ask what happened then?"

"We remained there three days, and then crossed the Channel to England. I can only presume that arrangements must have been made beforehand with your agent, since we travelled direct to Great Brackford."

"And then it was that I came into your life?" said Jack.

(To be Continued.)

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William C. Davison, Lachute Mills, Que., writes:

Mr. McLaughlin, I am sure,—weak back, pains, strong and well, as well, as a man of my age, is a different man, better man. I am now, doctor please accept my sincere thanks. I hope your clients will buy your Belts and get cured of all weakness.

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is the weak man's friend. Thousands have come to me, some of them as their last resort. I can point to these men with pride. They will tell you that Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt has made a man of them.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

WARD REPRESENTATION.

To the Editor: That very useful debating society, the Voters' League, has, among other subjects, pronounced very decisively in favor of the abolition of the ward system of representation. Probably they offered good reasons for so doing, but those reasons have not been made public. As, however, some of the aldermen appear to be in favor of such a proposal, and as the special charter which the council are seeking to obtain in the next session of the legislature contains, among other clauses, power to abolish wards, it is pertinent to ask for the reasons for the change.

The Voters' League might, with considerable propriety, have protested against unequal wards. The statute requires that if a municipality is divided into wards, it shall be divided into wards having equal assessed value, but it seems omitted to make provision for an equality of voters. Property was more easily maintained, but brain value or electorate could be unswayed of consideration. Consequently, the city council of 1892 exerted all its power of government work as would have gaudied the heart of Tammany Hall itself. As the years have rolled on the inequality of voters have become glaringly manifest. Roughly speaking, the North Ward contains about 53 per cent. of the acreage, the South Ward 39 per cent., and the Central Ward 18 per cent. The list of voters in the North Ward contains 2,220 names, the South Ward 1,375 and the Central Ward 849. Why did not the astute league, instead of meddling with the larger question of methods of voting and representation, content itself with pointing out the injustice of the present representation and demanding an equalization?

One would have thought that they and honorable men—would have remembered that the system of ward representation has received the endorsement of all great statesmen of the English-speaking race. Lord Salisbury and Gladstone agreed to recommend to their respective followers the acceptance of a redistribution bill based upon the ward system, which statute is in existence today. The American statesmen have adopted the same principles and practically states and provinces agree to the same methods. The crux of the situation is this: How can the people fairly and equally be represented? How can all classes and conditions of citizens obtain representation?

It is clear that if the wards are abolished, and candidates for office run upon any particular platform, then if a party can elect one alderman that party can elect the nine aldermen. Would that be wise? Supposing that the citizens were to divide themselves into two opposing camps, such as Moderates vs. Progressives, Liberals vs. Conservatives, Businessmen vs. Professions, Capitalists vs. Laborers, and supposing the candidates were of equal personal merit, it cannot be gainsaid that one or other of the parties would either carry all or none of their candidates.

Would any man in his senses desire such a doubtful consummation? This is not a fanciful argument, as this



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SUICIDES IN THE ARMY

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But Russia.

The Paris Matin gives some interesting figures of the number of suicides in European armies. They seem to show that suicide is declining in all the armies except that of Russia, where thirteen out of every 100,000 commit suicide with unfailing regularity every year. The proportion of suicides in the other great military countries is higher, but shows a tendency to decrease.

The present rate per 100,000 is:

France, 18; Italy, 24; Germany, 36, and Austria, 45.

The men in different arms of the service commit suicide in different proportions. The greatest number of suicides was in the foreign legion branch of the French army, where they amounted to 90 per 100,000. On the other hand there were only 14 in each 100,000 in the Guards. In the cavalry suicide was more frequent than in the infantry, and more so in the artillery than in the engineers.

Within the last 20 years British ports have 24½ million tons of shipping. Indians come next with a gain of 22 millions, while German ports have gained less than seven millions.

WATERS SAYS HE IS A CANADIAN

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vincient government did carry all the Victoria seats in the 1894 and 1898 elections. Can it be contended that this was equitable? Sixteen hundred electors voted for the government, and 1,400 against. Are not the 1,600 voters overrepresented, and the 1,400 unrepresented? It is true that the fair answer to this query lies in the fact that other constituencies counterbalanced the Victoria voters, and so the wrong was partially remedied, but this remedy would not be in the case of a municipality. In order to remedy this anomaly in Great Britain, Mr. Disraeli in 1867 proposed certain fancy franchises. Amongst others he suggested and carried out the restricted franchise, by which where a constituency elected three members, as in Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham, a voter could only vote for two members, thus allowing a vigorous minority to ensure the election of one member. Another scheme of representation is the cumulative system of voting, which is carried out in the school board elections in Great Britain. By this system the voter may cast all the votes he is entitled to for one candidate, or divide them up as he chooses. For instance, if there are nine persons to be elected, he may give nine votes to one man, or five, three and one respectively to three candidates. This enables a comparatively small party to ensure representation upon the board. With the abolition of the wards there would be no safeguards for the representation of the minority.

In what way has the ward system failed? What reforms would be more likely to be carried out under the ward system? The cry of sectionalism is raised, and no doubt under the fostering influence of unjust representation there may be reason for the cry. But closely examined, it will be invariably found that other reasons have greater weight with offending aldermen than sectionalism. Proximity to home, or business, or property, or amendments to wire-pulling are far greater factors than wards. Neither is it fair to suggest that this has been a ruling feature in the policy of the councils. Point Ellice bridge has received as much attention as James Bay bridge. North Ward aldermen are as anxious to have the Carnegie Library centrally located as are the Central Ward representatives. The personality of the representatives far more to do with the "sectional cry" than the ward system. It would be a positive insult to Mayor McCandless to say that he voted differently upon any question. Mayor that he did not care. The same remark applies equally to ex-Mayor Haywood and Redfern.

My letter is already long, and with your permission I will return to the subject.

W. MARCHANT.

SOCIALISM AND LABOR.

To the Editor:—Labor Editor T. H. Twiss, in Sunday's Colonist, makes a severe attack on the Socialist lecturer, Mr. E. J. Kingsley, of Nanaimo, among other things charging him with having attributed motives to trades unions which are at variance with the facts." Mr. Twiss makes the lecturer to say that "there was only one legislator on the continent," and refers to the member of Nanaimo as being the only one in the mind of the lecturer. In making this statement, the labor editor did himself credit to the charges he would impute to others. Mr. Kingsley did say that in all Canada and at Washington there was but one legislator who, in the widest sense, represented the interests of the class who produce all the wealth, or words to that effect. It is surely more honorable for the member for Nanaimo to be the first legislator on the continent to bind himself to secure and retain for us the people all the natural resources, means of production and distribution than it is to be the first labor editor to cast the first reflection on the first member, perhaps in all history, who went from the legislative hall to work with a pick and shovel rather than to have taken a bribe that would have made him independent for life. As the editor of the Times so ably pointed out some time ago, so did Mr. Kingsley point with sound argument, that the most thorough trades union organization does not benefit the worker to an extent that would at first appear, were the wages of all workers raised to \$5 per day. The lecturer in seeking to find suitable words to characterize trades unionists who insist on living in a dead past, certainly did overstep the bounds of temperate language, and has therefore descended nearly to the same level as a certain editor and late candidate for public honors when on the street, and according to his own admission he used even more excessive language than did the lecturer, for which both have, or will, receive their reward, but the cause for the greatest concern is the fact that the principles, of which both are advocates, must also suffer for such thoughtless seeds sown by the way. Mr. Twiss strongly advocates the sweeping away of all unions what he considers to be an undesirable element, but the writer, although, not connected with the organized Socialist movement, would advise him to remind himself of the fate of a certain typographical body which attempted something of the sort recently. Seldom does good follow an attempt to enforce vindictive notions.

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E. A. MURRAY wishes to announce that he is the new manager of the Sidewalk Inn, this city, and will attend the Sidewalk Inn all the time he is here. Accompanied by J. D. Knight and T. E. Conway, he left by this morning's train for Sidney.

H. Mortimer Lamb, the secretary of the Victoria Miners' Association, will attend the meeting to be held this evening in Nanaimo, called for the purpose of organizing a branch.

F. M. Studier, of Seattle, and Asbury Morrison, M. P., of New Westminster, are among the guests at the Driard hotel.

C. M. Thrall, advance agent of the Florida Potato Company, is a guest at the Driard hotel.

Samuel M. Hobins, of Nanaimo, is in the city, arriving by the noon train. He is a guest at the Orford Inn.

John McLean, of the Treks Copper Company, is a guest at the Driard hotel.

J. C. Macdonald, a travelling man of business, is a guest at the Driard hotel.

Miss Behnke returned last night from a visit to Ashcroft.

J. W. Ladd, of Copper Island, at the Driard.

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Fairview Corp.	2	—
Gold Trail Co.	—	—
Granby Smelter	55.25	\$4.50
Iron Mask	7	5
Johnston Fine Furnishings Co.	5	2
Menzies Gorge	—	—
Morrison	—	—
Mountain Lion	15	10
North Star	18	12
Ramsey Cariboo Com.	35	30
Ramsey	7	5½
White Bear Com.	10½	11½
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Woodland	—	—
Dom. Cons.	4½	3
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